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SUBJECT : FIRE BOMBING OF CONSULATE, NICE

REF : PARIS 10594 : NICE 130

1. DURING VISIT TO NICE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICER  
WAS INFORMED THAT INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION INTO APRIL 10/11 ATTACK  
ON CONSULATE NICE STILL IN PROGRESS. TO DATE NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN  
UNCOVERED NOR HAS ANY GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENT.

2. IN REFERENCE TO NEWS REPORT IN NICE MATIN ON APRIL 12, 1976  
INDICATING THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING WAS CLAIMED BY A QUOTE  
EXTREME RIGHT NATIONALIST GROUP UNQUOTE, IN ORDER TO PROTEST THE  
QUOTE CONCORDE BOYCOTT UNQUOTE BY THE USA, POLICE HAVE ASSURED THE  
CONSULATE THAT THIS ARTICLE HAS NO RPT NO SURE BASIS IN FACT. AFTER  
INVESTIGATION, POLICE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT QUOTE SOMEONE UNQUOTE AT  
NEWSPAPER CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL ON SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON, FOLLOWING EXPLOSION AT CONSULATE INDICATING SAME.  
POLICE HOWEVER STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN IF CALL WAS, IN  
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FACT, ACTUALLY RECEIVED AT THE NEWSPAPER OR IF IT WAS FIGMENT OF

IMAGINATION OF A JOURNALIST FRANTICALLY SEARCHING FOR REASON FOR BOMBING.

3. DURING APRIL 16 VISIT TO PREFECTURE OF ALPES MARITIMES IN NICE, CONSUL WAS ASSURED THAT UPON TERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION, COMPLETE POLICE REPORTS REGARDING INVESTIGATION INTO INCIDENT WILL BE GIVEN TO CONSULATE. THESE REPORTS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE SENT TO SY/DEPT., AS WELL AS RSO/PARIS.

4. WITH REGARD TO 24 HOUR POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF CONSULATE, NICE POLICE CHIEF AND PREFECTURE STATED THAT THE PROVISION OF SUCH PROTECTION WAS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO LACK OF MANPOWER. IN DISCUSSING GENERAL SECURITY OF CONSULATE, POLICE CHIEF EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO LEARN CONSULATE HAD NO LOCAL GUARD FOR INTERIOR SURVEILLANCE DURING WORKING HOURS : HE INDICATED THAT SUCH GUARDS EXIST AT AT LEAST SEVEN OTHER CONSULATES IN NICE. IN THIS REGARD, SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY RSO/PARIS TO DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 1975 BUT NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT CONSULATE NICE. IN VIEW OF OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE, CONSULATE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, NECESSARY REPAIRS OF CONSULATE FACADE AND INTERIOR, AS WELL AS MAIN DOOR OF CONSULATE, ARE PRESENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT. WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT OF THESE BILLS, THE PREFECTURE INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE QUAI D ORSAY VIA THE EMBASSY IN PARIS.

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